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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFO AND RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR DATA

1. FRENCH HAVE SET IN MOTION AN INTENSE CAMPAIGN TO PERSUAD BELGIAN OFFICIALS AND PRESS OF SUPERIORITY OF THE F-1 PROGRAM OVER THE F-16 PROGRAM. ONE INSTRUMENT IN THIS CAMPAIGN IS A DETAILED COMPARISON OF THE MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL ASPECTS OF THE TWO PROGRAMS. THE FRENCH PRESENTATION PRESENTS OR DISTORTS THE FACTS TO SHOW THE F-1 PROGRAM TO ADVANTAGE.

2. IT IS THE COMBINED JUDGMENT OF THE EMBASSY, MAAG, GENERAL DYNAMICS, AND PRATT & WHITNEY THAT THE FRENCH PRESENTATION SHOULD BE REFUTED BY HARD DATA. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO DO THIS. WE ALREADY SEE THE NEED TO DECLASSIFY CERTAIN INFO AND TO OBTAIN CERTAIN OTHER INFO NOT AVAILABLE HERE. OUR INITIAL REQUEST FOLLOWS IN PARA 3. FOR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS WE SHOULD REACT TO THE FRENCH CAMPAIGN QUICKLY AND CERTAINLY WELL BEFORE FEBRUARY 17. WE WILL GET THE FRENCH PRESENTATION TO YOU FOR YOUR INFO BY THE FASTEST MEANS POSSIBLE. IT IS PROBABLY THAT WE WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TOMORROW.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE INFO TO COMPLETE, OR RELEASE AUTHORITY FOR CLASSIFIED INFO IN, F-16 -F-1/M53 COMPARISON CHART BELOW. WE PROPOSE TO PASS CHART WHEN COMPLETED AND AUTHORIZED TO GENERAL DYNAMICS AND PRATT & WHITNEY REPS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ADDITIONAL FACTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND MEDIA. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO GIVE THE INFORMATION TO SELECTED BELGIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. CHART FOLLOWS:

F-16 & F1 COMPARISON

I. WHEN FLYING ON AIR SUPERIORITY MISSION, FULLY ARMED AND WITH FULL INTERNAL FUEL AVAILABLE AT POINT OF COMBAT. (COMBAT PERFORMANCE MANEUVERS IN MAXIMUM POWER WERE: 7 SUSTAINED TURNS AND ONE ACCELERATION TO 1.6 MACH):

F-16: RANGE OF 637 NM F-1: RANGE OF 350 NM

II. MAXIMUM ORDNANCE LOAD:

F-16: 11,500 LBS. F-1: 9,000 LBS.

III. MAXIMUM ACCELERATION FROM .9 MACH TO 1.6 MACH:

F-16: 65 SECONDS F-1: 109 SECONDS

IV. TURN RATE: SUSTAINED SUPERSONIC AT 30,000 FEET:

F-16: 6.5 DEGREES SECOND F-1: 3.7 DEGREES PER SECOND

SUSTAINED SUBSONIC (.9 MACH) AT 30,000 FEET:

F-16: 8.5 DEGREES PER SECOND F-1: 5.3 DEGREES PER SECOND

V. (A) ACCELERATION FROM STANDSTILL TO 1.6 MACH AT 30,000 FEET:

F-16: ACTUAL TIME FLOWN - 103 SECONDS; FUEL USED - LESS THAN 2,000 LBS; DISTANCE FROM TAKE-OFF POINT - LESS THAN 30 MILES DATA NEEDED FOR F-1

(B) ACCELERATION TIME TO 2.0 MACH:

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DATA NEEDED FOR F-16 F-1: LESS THAN 5 MINUTES

VI. PILOTS FLYING THE F16 HAVE EXPERIENCED AS MUCH AS 9G FOR AS LONG AS 12 SECONDS.

VIII. FUEL CONSUMPTION COMPARISON: DATA NEEDED FOR F-16 AND F-1

VIII. CLOSE AIR SUPPORT COMPARISON: DATA NEED FOR F-16
AND F-1

IX. AIR TO GROUND MISSION RADIUS:

F-16: 702 NM F-1: (DATA NEEDED)
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